NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Farmer Dragged Two Miles By Runaway Horses.

CALIFORNIA STAGE HELD UP.

A Large Sum of Money Buried by a Queer Character Who Lives at the County's Expense.

[illegible] Morgan, a farm hand, was [illegible] in pieces by a moving machine at Newby, Sacramento county, Cal., Thursday.

M. A. Murray of Farmington, Wash., recently a Northern Pacific section hand at Alderson, was struck by the eastbound train Saturday afternoon four miles east of Tacoma and instantly killed.

Visalia, Cal., has a juvenile branch of her fire department in training, consisting of two companies of twenty-eight. An exact model of the big hose carts has been built for the ladies to practice with.

Newcastle, Cal., is coming to the front with inventions. Recently one of her inventors produced a patent brake link, and now comes a fruit-packing box, made in sections, which can be joined to any part of the ground.

Mrs. Kate Carriger won her contest to have the will of her husband, W. W. Carriger, set aside, at Santa Rosa, Cal., Thursday. When her husband, who was killed by his brother Henry a week ago, died he left her out of his provisions. The estate is valued at about $15,000.

George A. Shutewent, district attorney of Mendocino county, Cal., has been arrested on a charge of illegal voting. The alleged offense is said to have been committed at the late election for supervisor of the First district, which was held on May 7th last.

Over 15,000 people witnessed the carnival on the water Thursday evening at Santa Cruz, Cal. It surpassed the display of the preceding evening, for the night was clear. There was much enthusiasm as the procession passed and the brilliancy of the scene vexed the spectators.

The members of the Douglass company, bankers and owners of the principal mines in Silver Star district, Nev., says a dispatch returned from Lamoille Friday, and were greeted by a salute of giant powder. Their mission was to close the sale of a group of twenty-six mines, including Brown's famous Hardscrabble to Senator Wolcott of Colorado. The exact price paid cannot be learned, but from interested parties it is learned that about $750 was the figure.

W. W. Cook, formerly a well known merchant of San Bernardino, who had been living on a little ranch several miles north of there, committed suicide Friday night by blowing the top of his head off with a pistol. The suicide occurred between eight and nine o'clock, it is believed, as the neighbors heard two or three shots in the direction of the house. This morning one of the neighbors went to the house and getting no answer to his knock, broke in the door and found Cook reclining on the sofa with the top of the head blown off and the pistol under him.

John Hodgers, a middle-aged farmer, was brought to Fresno Saturday, says a dispatch, from the western part of the county to get surgical assistance. He had been dragged two miles by runaway horses. He fell from his wagon and caught his foot in a chain and was then dragged under the wagon, the horses going on a dead run across the open fields. He finally caught the lines, which were dragging on the ground, and brought the horses to a stop and released himself. His clothes were nearly torn from his body and he was terribly hurt. In that condition he had to travel twenty miles before he reached a settlement and obtained assistance. There is hope of his recovery.

A fish had dazzled the eyes of the little son of Dr. Latta, the superintendent of the county hospital, a few days ago, says a Stockton, Cal., dispatch, but the child was too small to realize the value of his discovery. While playing around a hog pen he unearthed two tin cans full of gold coin. The cans were buried by Tim Buckley, who has been living at the county's expense for the last nine years. When the lad found the hidden treasure Buckley was very much perturbed, as he feared he would have to leave the hospital or pay for his maintenance there. He offered the little fellow 5 cents not to tell anyone of his find, and the boy accepted it. Buckley then hid his cans in a different and what he considered a more secure place. The boy inadvertently revealed his secret, and now it is said that Buckley wants his nickel back. It is not known how much money the cans contained, but it is supposed that the gold amounted to a large sum. Buckley is a queer character. He has charge of the hogs at the hospital. When he first went to the institution he insisted on wearing women's clothing, and it is only recently that he has been induced to don male attire.

The westbound stage running between this city and the coast towns was held up by a highwayman Saturday afternoon, says the Ukiah, Cal., Dispatch. The scene of the robbery is a deep canyon on Robinson creek, about seven miles southeast of this place. The stage left here this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with William Rand as driver. It was proceeding slowly when a masked man emerged from the bushes at the roadside and commanded the driver to halt. The latter promptly obeyed. The treasure box was thrown out and the driver was ordered to proceed. An Indian brought the news to this city, and Sheriff Johnson started immediately in pursuit of the highwayman. There is known to have been at least $1,200 in Wells Fargo's box, as that amount was lately drawn from the treasury by Supervisor Flanagan, who was to use it for the purpose of paying off road contracts in his district. This is the second time within the last two years that Driver Russell has been held up, and the first time for months when treasure to any amount has been shipped by stage to the coast. There were five passengers aboard at the time of the robbery.

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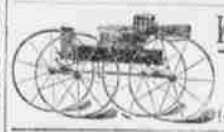

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